



G-5's "Eye on AMC"

U.S. Army Materiel Command

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AMC announces its soldier and NCO of the year

The U.S. Army Materiel Command announced the winners of its noncommissioned officer and soldier of the year awards at a formal banquet ceremony at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center June 20.

Sgt. Shane E. Smith of AMC's Tank-automotive and Armaments Command and Spc. Brandon M. Parrett of AMC's Aviation and Missile Command beat out four other NCOs and three other soldiers to win the coveted AMC awards after three full days of competition.

The winners will come back to AMC for six weeks of additional training in preparation for the Sergeant Major of the Army's competition in September.

SBCCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center now falls under TACOM

As part of the AMC's efforts to organizationally transform to better serve the Army overall, the command transferred operational control of the SBCCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center to TACOM on June 1.

The Integrated Materiel Management Center provides life cycle support for soldier support, soldier systems, and chemical/biological defense items. The IMMC elements involved in the transfer are located at Rock Island, Ill.; Philadelphia, Pa.; and Natick, Mass. No physical moves of personnel are planned as a result of this transfer.

TACOM will have full command and control of the IMMC on Oct. 1.

TARDEC names new research chief

RDECOM's Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center has named Dr. Grace Bochenek as its executive director for research. Bochenek is the first woman to assume this post and joins the ranks of the federal government's Senior Executive Service.

Bochenek will oversee vehicle survivability, ground robotics, propulsion, vehicle electronics, track and suspension, water purification, tactical truck technology, combat engineering and electric drive technology research.



Logistics Support Activity's new mission

The LOGSA Package Storage and Containerization Center has received a new mission to configure the Army Intermodal and Distribution Platform Office. The Army Intermodal and Distribution Platform Office's mission is to serve as the "single manager" for all Army-owned intermodal containers, flatracks, and other distribution platforms. Responsibilities include establishing inventory and readiness accountability for container inventory. The decision to establish LOGSA PSCC as the "single manager" was approved by the Deputy Chief of Staff, Army G-4 (Logistics).

"I think that especially given the status of our Army today, the timing is perfect to account for our containers worldwide." --- Col. Kurt Weidenthal, LOGSA Commander

News Conference
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

"About 90 percent of equipment coming in and out of Iraq goes through the camp [Camp Arifjan, Kuwait], for maintenance, pre-positioning or shipping elsewhere. For us the work is not over. In fact, it is expanding."

--- Gen. Paul J. Kern, U.S. Army Materiel Command Commanding General